

Remarks

The present amendment cancels claim 13, amends claims 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16, and adds claims 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22. The cancellation of claim 13 and the changes to the claims are without prejudice to future prosecution.

The changes to the claims are being made to eliminate the use of a multiple dependent claim format, to insert some new claims previously described using a multiple dependent claim format, and to correct typographically errors in claims 9 and 10. The changes to the claims do not narrow the claimed invention, but rather correspond to originally filed multiple dependent claims.

To save on filing costs, the full range of claims eliminated by removing multiple dependencies were not reintroduced. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce such claims at a later time.

Accordingly the claims are in condition for allowance. Please charge deposit account 13-2755 for fees due in connection with this amendment. If any time extensions are needed for the timely filing of the present amendment, Applicants petition for such extensions and authorize the charging of deposit account 13-2755 for the appropriate fees.

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